

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Case 7728

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In the Matter of :  
 US National Phase Entry :  
 Under 35 USC 371 from :  
 International Application of :  
 Angell et al., :  
 Int'l Application No. PCT/US00/22692 : Group Art Unit : N/A  
 Filed on August 17, 2000 : Examiner : N/A

For Method for Improving Effervescency of a Detergent Product :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Before computing the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the US National Phase, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete current claims 1-16 and replace with the new claims 17-42 below.

17. Method of using an aluminosilicate ion exchange material for delivering effervescency in a detergent product, comprising the steps of:

- providing an aluminosilicate ion exchange material having pores;
- drying said aluminosilicate ion exchange material;
- entrapping a gas into said pores of said aluminosilicate ion exchange material;
- adding said aluminosilicate ion exchange material having gas entrapped therein to a detergent composition; and
- forming a detergent product exhibiting effervescency when said detergent product is placed in an aqueous medium.

18. The method according to claim 17, wherein the aluminosilicate ion exchange material has a formula,  $Mm/n [(AlO_2)_m(SiO_2)_y] \cdot xH_2O$ , where n is the valence of the cation

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